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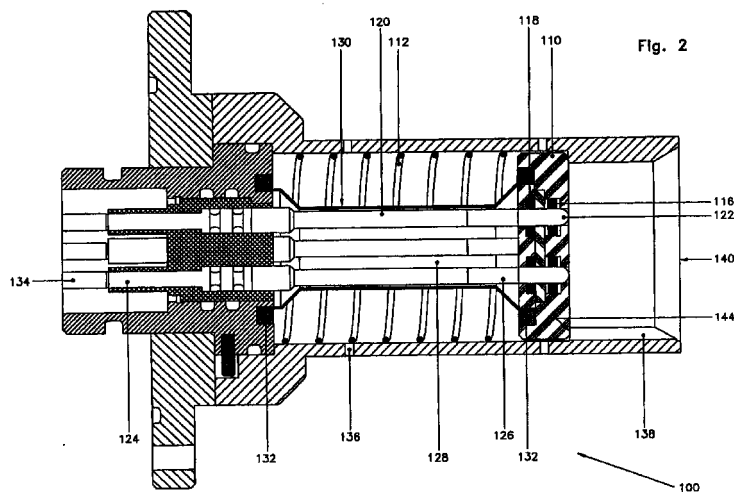
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(54) Sealed electrical and/or optical connector

(57) An electrical and/or optical connector is provided which is particularly, but not exclusively, for use underwater. The connector comprises male and female portions (100, 400, 10, 200, 300) wherein the male portion (100, 400) is provided with at least one probe (120) and the female portion (10, 200, 300) is provided with at least one socket. A moveable shuttle (12, 110) is provided on the male (100, 400) and/or female (10, 200, 300) portions to seal the probe (120) and/or sockets to

allow the connector to be mated and/or disconnected underwater. The portions may also be left disconnected underwater when "live". The portions typically contain an insulating fluid and are typically provided with pressure compensation means. There is also provided a housing for an electrical and/or optical connector which is particularly, but not exclusively, for use with a remotely operated vehicle.



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